

Hertfordshire Local Transport Body Meeting

14:00 - Monday 9th of December 2013 at HCC County Hall, Hertford

Those Attending:

Attendee	Organisation
Core Members	
Cllr Terry Douris (TD)	Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) (<i>Chair, Hertfordshire LTB</i>)
Cllr Mandy Perkins (MP)	Chair, Hertfordshire Infrastructure and Planning Partnership
Andrew Percival (AP)	Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)
Observer Members	
Eric Cooper (EC)	Highways Agency
Supporting Officers	
Joan Hancox (JH)	Hertfordshire LEP - Infrastructure Manager
Jane Custance (JC)	Hertfordshire Planning Group
Jan Hayes-Griffin (JHG)	HCC - Assistant Director (Planning Strategy & Communication)
Jon Tiley (JT)	HCC - Business Manager Spatial & Land Use Planning
Andy Summers (AS)	HCC - Spatial & Land Use Planning
Mike Younghusband (MY)	HCC – Head of Highways Operations & Strategies (HOS)
Richard Boutal (RB)	HCC - HOS Major Projects Group Manager
Alissa Ede (AE)	HCC – HOS Major Projects Group
Morag Saunders (MS)	HCC – HOS Head of Profession Transport Planning
Dominic Fee (DF)	HCC – HOS Transport Planning & Strategy Manager
Susan Claris (SC)	Arup (Transport Planning Support to HCC)
Ian Cox (IC)	HCC (<i>Minute Secretary</i>)

Minutes:

	Agenda Item	Actions
1.	Welcome, Introductions and Apologies for Absence	
1.1	The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.	
1.2	Apologies for Absence were received from the following Observer Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alex Williams (Transport for London) Ian Chambers (Network Rail) Alan Kirkdale (Highways Agency) 	
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting	
2.1	The minutes of the 30 th of September 2013 Hertfordshire Local Transport Body (Herts LTB) Meeting were agreed to be an accurate record and, as such, were signed by the Chair.	
3.	Conflicts of Interest	
3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No conflicts of interest were declared. 	

4.	Progress Since the Last Meeting	
4.1	DfT / Government Guidance and Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LTB Assurance Framework Parts 1 &2 had rec'd DfT approval but still awaited for Part 3. • Information regarding mechanics of funding arrangements for the LEP, future relationship with LTBs, guidance on required content and assessment processes for LEP Strategic Economic Plans (SEPs) was yet to emerge from Govt. • DfT have held a series of road shows and workshops. Information presented suggested DfT have committed departmental funding for some years ahead into the Single Growth Pot (SGP) and have indicated a strong desire to see LTBs continue to provide a governance structure over future expenditure of that element within the SGP. 	
4.2	Current LTB Schemes Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A602 – Ware to Stevenage. Scope of route improvement interventions within overall project has been increased as a result of studies & surveys, which increases the benefit – cost ratio as measured within the Business Case • A120 Little Hadham Bypass – synergies with Environmental Agency flood alleviation scheme are being maximised. EA scheme to be delivered as part of overall (road + flood alleviation) project. EA will fund £1m works o/s of bypass costs. • A1(M) through Hertfordshire –work was focusing on development of long term strategy, with programme of improvements req'd to be identified for both A1 (M) route but also to local HCC network in immediate vicinity. • A1(M) Consortium combining HCC and District interests to be established in January with strong support from HIPP. Will provide focus and 'voice' for both strategy development and wider lobbying for support. Consortium outputs would be communicated back to LTB. • LEP Public Affairs consultant to provide lobbying support to Consortium. • Highways Agency to be invited to attend and strategy outputs will feed directly to HA Route Based Strategy for London – Leeds Corridor (East) which covers A1 and M11. • Important that the Consortium moves forward to delivery outputs that are best for Hertfordshire overall, recognising that 'local' priorities may have to be balanced against each other. 	
4.3	Highways Agency Update <p>A1(M) J6 N/B Scheme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This scheme would be implemented in Spring / Summer 2014, providing a 'smoothing ' of the traffic flows pas t J6 N/B. This was a relatively low cost scheme with relatively high benefits. It did not provide additional capacity but should reduce 'stop-start' flows at peak times. 	

	<p>Route Based Strategy (RBS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage 1 - Initial RBS evidence reports, identifying problems (from local workshop sessions and collated data) and setting out key challenges and opportunities would be made available for comment from stakeholders in February, Final publication in March • Stage 2 – evidence base will be taken forward to identify possible solutions for the prioritised sets of challenges and opportunities. Outline operational and investment priorities for all routes for April 2015- March 2021 will be taken forward into the Roads Investment Strategy. • Inputs from the Herts A1 Consortium and the close working established with HA were seen as very valuable inputs to this overall process and essential to ensure schemes that delivered for all parties were identified and progressed. <p>Prior to RBS delivery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The potential for delivery of previously prepared and now ‘refreshed’ schemes (that still fit with the challenges and opportunities identified in the emerging RBS) exists – funding may be made available for some scheme implementation from late 2014 onward. • Previous study work on J6-8 scheme was being reviewed and may come forward through this process. • HA to keep HCC / Consortium fully informed. 	
4.4	<p>Rail Update</p> <p>Closer working with NR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting of HCC Highways officers with NR Route Managers was being convened (Jan 14) to ensure collective understanding of aspirations and programmes of work and to identify synergies and opportunities to pool resources into common schemes. <p>Crossrail 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Despite some reservations form HCC, along with EHDC and Broxbourne, general support in principle was emerging for the ‘regional’ option for Crossrail 2. • It was noted that TfL and NR should be encouraged to attend future meetings such that a wider , cross boundary and cross industry view could be considered on issues such as this. • Establishing a dialogue with councils in Eastern England may also be valuable to enable cross boundary issues to be better understood.. 	

5.	Draft LEP Strategic Economic Plan		
5.1	<p>The paper “Progress on Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) and Emerging Schemes” was discussed.</p> <p>The LTB agreed , with regard to the LEP SEP,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the current LTB funding (£18.5m) be allocated to A120 (Little Hadham) • To note the inclusion of Croxley Rail Link • To support the inclusion of A10 improvements on the ‘long’ list. • To endorse the draft SEP to include bids for A602 and contribution to A1(M) strategy. 		
6.	Communications		
6.1	<p>Current HCC Comms work has focussed on information regarding the A120 and A602 scheme status.</p> <p>Following finalisation of the content of the LEP SEP, a Comms plan covering – LTB role / responsibilities LEP role / responsibilities HIPP role/ responsibilities</p> <p>would need to be established to ensure coordinated messages.</p> <p>Current delivery as well as what’s planned for future delivery via the LEP SEP needed to be communicated.</p> <p>Initial approach to overall Comms will be brought to a future LTB meeting</p> <p>Comms team representative will attend the next HIPP meeting for continuity.</p>	<p>JHG</p> <p>JHG</p>	
7.	Forward Programme		
7.1	<p>LTB should meet to review the final draft of the LEP SEP from a Transport projects perspective. SEP is to be submitted to Govt. by end of March 2014-02-20 - meeting set for 4th March</p> <p>The meeting in April will consider the A602 and A120 business cases.</p> <p>Forward plan of dates below -</p>	IC	
	Date	Time	Location
	Tue 4 th March 2014	14:00 to 16:00	Mimram Room, County Hall, Hertford
	Thu 3 rd April 2014	14:30 to 16:30	Mimram Room, County Hall, Hertford
	Thu 3 rd July 2014	14:30 to 16:30	Ashbourne Room, County Hall, Hertford
	Thu 2 nd October 14	14:30 to 16:30	Ashbourne Room, County Hall, Hertford
	Thu 15 th January 15	14:30 to 16:30	TBA